

every month. Tree limbs must be no greater than 5" in diameter and must be neatly stacked behind the curb, not in the street. Tree stumps, smaller twigs, and/or hedge trimmings are not acceptable for this collection. The first 10 minutes of chipping are free. Thereafter, residents will be billed \$19 for every 10 minute period or fraction thereof.

**It is the City's policy that in the event the DPW chipping crew is required to return to a location after the crew has completed the collection on that street, the property owner will be billed for the entire time it takes the crew to respond to and complete this special collection.**

**Beautification**

In keeping with the civic pride displayed in our Community by the appearance of our properties, your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated in following these regulations. Tax-deductible contributions to the City's Beautification Fund can be made at the City office. The City's Beautification Committee has been in existence for over 50 years. Since 1955, citizens of the Frankenmuth Community have been dedicated to keeping Michigan's Little Bavaria beautiful. When asked by visitors and officials from other towns and cities about how we keep Frankenmuth so beautiful, we boast that our citizens have a strong desire to keep things neat and clean which makes enforcement of ordinances rare. Here is what you can also do to help.

**Pet Regulations.** (1) Pets are not permitted to roam at large. Pets are at large when the animal is in any public street, *right-of-way*, park or other public grounds, or when off the premises of the owner or person who has direct control of said animal. (2) No person shall keep more than two dogs and two cats or any combination thereof, six months or more of age, on that person's premises within the city. (3) An owner or person having custody of any dog or any other animal shall not permit said dog or any other animal to defecate on property within the city, other than the premises of the owner or person having custody of said dog or other animal, unless said defecation is immediately removed and properly disposed of.

**Posting of Addresses.** All buildings that have been assigned a street address must have the address posted in a conspicuous location at the front of the building a minimum of four inches in height – numerical symbols only.

**Storage/Parking of Vehicles.** Recreational vehicles (including campers, trailers, watercraft) and utility trailers may be parked in driveways for no more than a maximum of seven continuous days or 21 cumulative days per calendar year.

**Parking of Commercial Vehicles.** In addition, it is unlawful to park any commercial vehicle such as a truck, semi-trailer, or tractor truck, having a rated capacity of twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds gross vehicle weight or more, in any residential zone, except for the purposes of loading or unloading, or during the course of construction. Parking applies not only to public streets, but also to private property, driveways, and parking areas.

**Grass Growth/Weed Control.** For developed property, grass/weed height must not exceed an average of six inches in height.

**Open Burning.** All open burning is prohibited within the City, except within licensed camp-grounds or by special approval from the Fire Chief.

**Overnight Parking on Streets.** From Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, overnight parking is prohibited on the streets between the hours of 2 AM & 6 AM, for snow removal. Snow from your property shall not be deposited on City streets.

**Lawn Debris.** After mowing your lawn, please remove grass clippings from the street and sidewalks. Grass clippings in the street are unsightly and clog storm drains.

**Sidewalk Obstruction.** Tree branches and shrubs must be trimmed so they do not grow into the path of the sidewalk and obstruct clear passage of the sidewalk. Also, please keep your sidewalk edged so the uncontrolled growth of grass over the

sidewalk does not cause a hazard. Parked vehicles are not to obstruct sidewalks.

**Soliciting.** Most door-to-door solicitors/peddlers must have a City issued permit. Contact the City office.

**Water Conservation Period.** Every June 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>, a Water Conservation Program (WCP) is implemented to meet customer's demands during the dry season. Customers are requested to only water lawns, gardens and outdoor plants every other day. Structures having an even street address may water outside on even calendar days and structures having an odd street address may water on odd calendar days. The WCP allows customers to use water for other outdoor activities like washing vehicles, cleaning outdoor surfaces and filling pools at any time.

**Depositing Snow on Streets.** Depositing snow from your property onto the City street is prohibited by State law because it increases plowing costs and adversely impacts the effectiveness of salting operations.

**Public Meetings of Boards & Commissions**

- City Council.** 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
- City-Township Commission.** Contact the City office.
- Beautification Committee.** Contact the City office.
- Board of Review.** The 4th Monday in February and the following day from 12:30 PM-6:30 PM.
- Downtown Development Authority.** 2nd Thursday of each month at 1:45 PM
- Economic Development Corporation.** 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 AM
- Historic District Commission.** Contact the City office.
- District Library Board.** Contact the Wickson Library.
- Parks & Recreation Commission.** 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM
- Planning Commission.** 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
- Sister City Committee.** Contact the City office.
- Zoning Board of Appeals.** As needed on Monday - 7:00 PM.

All City government meetings are held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act and City Charter requirements.

**Visit the City's Website at  
www.frankenmuthcity.com**

**2009  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES GUIDE  
to MICHIGAN'S LITTLE BAVARIA**

**City of Frankenmuth  
City & Township Government Center  
240 W. Genesee Street  
Frankenmuth, MI 48734-1398  
Information: (989) 652-9901  
Website: www.frankenmuthcity.com**

**City Office Hours:  
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM  
Monday through Friday,  
excluding holidays.**



**City Councilmembers**

- Mayor.....Gary C. Rupprecht
- Mayor Pro Tem.....Arthur A. Loeffler
- Councilmember.....Richard W. Galsterer
- Councilmember.....Richard H. Meyer
- Councilmember.....Vickie J. Schmitzer
- Councilmember.....Carl H. Schoenow
- Councilmember.....Gary W. Zeilinger

**City Staff**

- City Manager.....Charles B. Graham
- City Treasurer/Assessor.....John P. Deterding
- City Clerk.....Phillip W. Kerns
- DDA Director.....Sheila G. Stamaris
- Library Director.....Mary R. Chasseur
- Parks & Recreation Director.....Daren W. Kaschinske
- Police Chief.....Donald C. Mawer
- Public Works Sup't.....Randy L. Braeutigam
- Wastewater Trmt. Sup't.....Birt D. McKendree
- Water Superintendent.....Kenneth J. O'Brien

## Taxes

**Property Taxes.** Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are collected as follows:

**Summer Taxes** (mailed near July 1st) for the State Education Tax, Delta College, Saginaw Intermediate School District, Saginaw County operations, City of Frankenmuth and Special Assessments are due and payable at the City office, without penalty, until July 31st. A 1½% late fee will be added to any unpaid balance (18% per annum).

**Winter Taxes** (mailed near December 1st) for Frankenmuth School District and Saginaw County extra voted millages are due and payable at the City office without penalty until February 14th. After March 1st, Real Estate Taxes are payable at the Saginaw County Treasurer's office, Saginaw County Courthouse. A late fee will be applied.

**Deferments.** Eligible senior citizens, veterans, blind persons, paraplegics, quadriplegics, and totally and permanently disabled persons who meet a pre-established income, may defer the summer taxes on a homestead until the following February 15th, by filing an intent to defer with the City Treasurer by September 15th.

## Public Safety

**Code RED System.** To receive important weather/emergency notifications by telephone, call the City Office at (989) 652-9901 for registration info.

**Emergency Medical.** MMR advanced life support ambulances serve Frankenmuth area 24/7 by calling 911. For information call (989) 758-2900.

**Fire.** The Frankenmuth Fire Department, jointly owned and operated by the City and Township, may be reached 24/7 for an emergency by calling 911. For business information contact the City Office.

**Police.** The Frankenmuth Police Department may be reached 24/7 for emergencies by calling 911. For business related information call (989) 652-8371.

## City Services

**Water/Sewer Emergencies.** For water/sewer emergencies outside normal business hours, call the Frankenmuth Police Department at (989) 652-8371.

**Permits & Inspections.** It is necessary to obtain the proper building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and/or zoning permits prior to starting a construction project. New buildings, alterations, remodeling, additions, demolitions, swimming pools, signs, window header modifications, decks, fences and sheds require a permit. Necessary inspections must also be made. For permits or other information, contact (989) 652-3430, x250.

**Cemetery.** The City and Township jointly operate a public cemetery located at 835 W. Tuscola Street. For information contact the Township Supervisor at (989) 652-6741.

**Library.** The Frankenmuth James E. Wickson District Library collection includes a large variety of popular and reference books as well as many important on-line databases. For additional information call (989) 652-8323.

**Parks & Recreation.** The Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of different programs and park areas for enjoyment by the public. For additional information contact the Parks & Recreation office at (989) 652-3440.

**Public Works.** The DPW is responsible for the maintenance and general up-keep of the City streets & streetscapes, storm sewer drains and detention basins, buildings, public grounds, street trees, sidewalks and water and sewer mains. Contact the City office for information.

**Street Lights.** Those street lights that are not in proper working order can be reported to [www.Consumersenergy.com](http://www.Consumersenergy.com) or the City office at (989) 652-9901. Please provide the address by and the closest intersection to the malfunctioning light.

**Voter Registration, Election Information & Political Districts.** To be eligible to vote, you must be registered at least 30 days prior to an election. You may register to vote at the City office. School, primary and general elections are held at two precincts located in the City/Twp Bldg.

County Commission: 4<sup>th</sup> District.  
State House of Representatives: 94<sup>th</sup> District.  
State Senate: 32<sup>nd</sup> District.  
U.S. Congress: 5<sup>th</sup> District.

**Wastewater Treatment Plant.** Technology has enabled the plant and its personnel to treat raw sewage wastewater into water that fully complies with MDEQ regulations. Contact the City office for information.

**Water.** The water system distributes treated water purchased from the City of Saginaw. Two Frankenmuth water towers are used to pressurize the system. For information call the City office.

**Zoning.** In order to either change the use or add to the use of your property, it is necessary to ensure that proper zoning approvals are obtained. Contact the City office.

## Guidelines for Residential Curbside Collection of Waste

In the spirit of Community pride, your help and cooperation is requested in following these regulations in order to maintain Frankenmuth's reputation as a clean and beautiful Community.

A. **Refuse Collection.** An unlimited number of waterproof, plastic type bags, no greater than 33 gallons, may be placed at the curbside by 7:00 A.M. every Wednesday morning. Bags shall not exceed 50 pounds when filled and shall be tightly sealed. Plastic or metal receptacles are not permissible unless disposal of the receptacle is requested.

For the disposal of household furniture, appliances or refuse too bulky to place into a bag,

residents are allowed up to two large items placed at the curb each week.

**It is greatly appreciated that your weekly refuse/recycling collection be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 P.M. on the evening before collection. Refuse must be placed in plastic bags and not trash cans/containers. Recycling bins must be removed by the evening on collection day.**

B. **Recyclables Collection.** In order to eliminate refuse volume, residents are strongly encouraged to recycle. Clean or rinsed paper products & cartons, plastics, tin, aluminum and glass can be recycled. Weekly curbside collection of recyclables is every Wednesday at 7:00 A.M. A preparation guide is available at the City office. Recycling bins and brown grocery type paper bags are the only containers to be used for the collection of recyclables. Plastic bags are prohibited. The City office has additional recycling bins available for \$11 each.

C. **Yard Waste Collection.** (State law requires that yard waste be kept separate from refuse.) Grass clippings, hedge trimmings, leaves, vegetation, or smaller twigs that can be bagged, may be placed into a plastic bag(s) no greater than 33 gallons. Bags will be collected every Tuesday and must be placed by the curbside before 7:00 A.M. Requests for this collection must be pre-arranged.

Each bag must have a "City of Frankenmuth **Yard Waste Tag**" attached in order to be collected. Each red tag costs **\$4.00** and may be purchased at the City office, Gill-Roy's Hardware, Kroger, and Satow's Drug Store. This service is available from April through November. Contact the City office for the collection dates and additional details.

Please contact the City office for information. [Look for a special fall leaf collection announcement in the Frankenmuth News listing dates of collection.](#)

D. **Tree Limb Collection.** Tree limbs will be chipped by the D.P.W. beginning the first Monday of